

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 28 and 55 are amended. Claims 2-10, 13-18, 29-37, 40-45 and 56-70 remain in the application. Thus, claims 1-10, 13-18, 28-37, 40-45 and 55-70 are active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The present Amendment seeks to correct errors in claims 1, 28 and 55 which were added in the November 24, 2004 Amendment. Further, the present Amendment serves to ensure proper disclosure and protection of the present invention by accurately defining the recording apparatuses of claims 1 and 55 and the recording method of claim 28 in view of the specification. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for kindly indicating, in item 5 on page 6 of the Office Action, that claims 11-15, 17, 38-42 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As indicated in the November 24, 2004 Amendment, claim 1 was amended to include the limitations originally presented in cancelled claim 11. As also indicated in the November 24, 2004 Amendment, claim 28 was amended in order to include the limitations originally presented in cancelled claim 38.

However, claim 1, as amended in the November 24, 2004 Amendment, incorrectly recited that the trick play recording data generation means reads out the trick play image data stored in the memory in a backward direction, which is the same direction in which the trick play image data was "recorded by said recording means," and that the trick play recording data generation means reads out the trick play image data stored in the memory in a forward direction, which is the opposite direction in which the trick play image data was "recorded by said recording means."

As recited in original claim 11, the trick play recording data generation means stores the trick play image data extracted from the bit stream in order in one memory. The trick play recording data generation means reads out the trick play image data stored in the one memory in a backward direction, which is the same direction in which the trick play image data was stored in the one memory, and reads out the trick play image data

stored in the one memory in a forward direction, which is the opposite direction in which the trick play image data was stored in the one memory.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to correctly recite that the trick play recording data generation means “reads out the trick play image data stored in the one memory in a backward direction, which is the same direction in which the trick play image data was stored in the one memory, so as to generate trick play recording data for fast forward reproduction, and reads out the trick play image data stored in the one memory in a forward direction, which is the opposite direction in which the trick play image data was stored in the one memory, so as to generate trick play recording data for backward reproduction.”

Claim 28 was amended similar to claim 1 in order to accurately define the generating of the trick play recording data element of the recording method.

Accordingly, in view of the Examiner’s assertion that claims 11-15, 17, 38-42 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 28, as amended, as well as the claims depending therefrom, are clearly allowable.

As indicated in the November 24, 2004 Amendment, claims 55-70 were drafted so as to be similar to claims 1-10 and 13-18, respectively, except that claims 55-70 were drafted to avoid a possible construction under 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. Claim 55 has been amended similar to claim 1 in order to correctly define the trick play recording data generation unit.

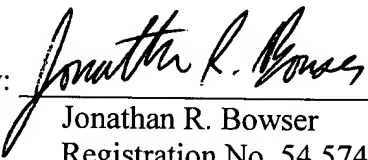
Accordingly, since claims 55-70 are similar to claims 1-10 and 13-18, respectively, which the Examiner indicated to be allowable if amended in the above-identified manner, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 55-70 are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

If, after reviewing this Supplemental Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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